

Dear FCC members,

I am outraged by the blatant misuse of public airways represented by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an upcoming anti-Kerry documentary. This move, days before the election, is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and an abuse of the public trust.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I urge you to investigate Sinclair's actions, and to take a serious look at strengthening media ownership rules, which have been progressively eroding over the last several years, rather than further weakening them. Sinclair's despicable actions show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely,

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